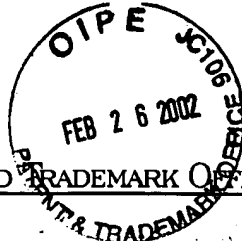


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
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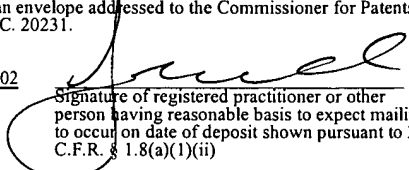
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Attached is a copy of the official filing receipt received from the PTO in the above application. Issuance of a corrected filing receipt in accordance with the annotations on the attached filing receipt copy is respectfully requested.

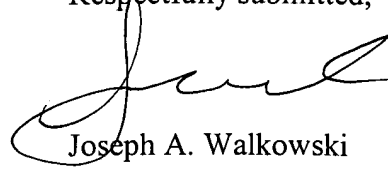
The errors to be corrected are as follows:

In the Title, after "to" change "a player" to --a player--.

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These corrections are not due to any errors by applicants and no fee is due.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Walkowski', written over the typed name.

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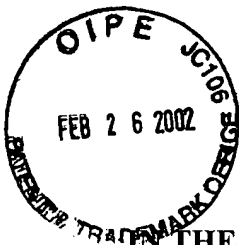
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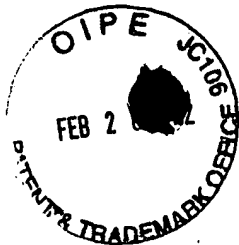
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Also enclosed are Transmittal of Formal Drawings (1 page); and Formal Drawings (9 sheets, 12 figures).



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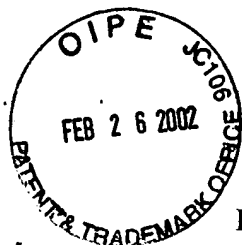
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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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